REMARKS

Claims 1, 14, 21, and 25 have been amended to require, *inter alia,* a first and second series of elongate spaced protuberances converging in the cross-machine direction. Support for the current Amendments to Claims 1, 14, 21, and 25 is found on page 7, lines 26-27, of the Specification and Figure 2, as originally filed. Claims 14-20 have been previously withdrawn. Claims 21-25 have been withdrawn by the Examiner pursuant to a restriction requirement and Final Office Action dated August 22, 2003. Claims 26 and 27 have been added. New Claim 26 claims an arcuate cavity having a radius that is decreasable in the machine direction. Support for new Claim 26 is found on page 14, lines 11-12, and Figs. 11-14 of the Specification, as originally filed. New Claim 27 claims the arcuate cavity having a substantially uniform radius. Support for new Claim 27 is found on page 14, lines 7-16, and Fig. 14 of the Specification, as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-27 remain in this Application and are presented for the Examiner's reconsideration in light of the above Amendments, new claims, and the following comments.

Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. ¶121

The Examiner has withdrawn Claims 21-25 from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. In particular, the Examiner states that the new claims are sub-combinations of the originally examined claims. Applicants traverse this restriction requirement.

Applicants believe Claims 21-25 to be related to previously examined Claims 1-14, not as combination and sub-combination, but as genus-species; to wit: Applicants' Claim 1 claims, *inter alia,* a first series of elongate spaced protuberances . . . and a second series of elongate spaced protuberances. Further, Claims 21 claims, *inter alia,* a first series of non-collinear elongate spaced protuberances . . . and a second series of non-collinear elongate spaced protuberances. Additionally, Applicants' new Claim 25 claims, *inter alia,* a first series of collectively elongate spaced protuberances . . . and a second series of collectively elongate spaced protuberances. Thus, it can be seen that Applicants' Claim 1, directed toward elongate spaced protuberances, would read on non-collinear elongate spaced protuberances and collectively elongate spaced protuberances.

Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to M.P.E.P. §806.04(d), which states, "A generic claim should read on each of the [embodiments]. A generic claim should include no material element additional to those recited in the species claims, and must comprehend within its confines the organization covered in each of the species." Thus,

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Applicants respectfully believe the claims added by the previous response to be related to the previously examined claims by way of genus-species and not combination, sub-combination. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the election restriction requirement to Claims 21-25.
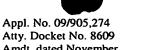
Declaration

Because of Applicants' amendment to the current claims, a correction of inventorship is required in the instant case. Applicants are providing a newly executed declaration to correct inventorship pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §201.03. A courtesy copy of the newly executed declaration is enclosed herein.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-6 and 13 have been finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Davidson, U.S. Patent No. 2,164,702. Arguments previously made with respect to the *Davidson* reference will not be repeated for the sake of brevity. However, the Examiner is encouraged to consider the following additional arguments with respect to the *Davidson* reference:

1. Applicants' invention, as now presented in Claim 1 by amendment, claims a web pleating apparatus comprising a first series and second series of **elongate** space protuberances each converging in the **cross-machine** direction.

2. Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner to the definition of "elongate" pursuant to Webster's Third New International Dictionary Unabridged, 1986 (copy enclosed). Webster's defines "elongate" as "to increase the length of: stretch out;" or "having a form notably long in comparison to its width."

3. Figs. 10 and 11, as cited by the Examiner, show rollers 21 formed in proportion to produce longitudinal folds of widths transversely across web 20. *See* Col. 2, ll. 1-4.

4. As one of skill in the art would realize, a roller has an aspect ratio of 1, whereas Applicants' elongate spaced protuberances have an aspect ratio greater than 1.

5. Further, *Davidson* is silent with respect to providing first and second series of elongate spaced protruberances converging in the cross-machine direction. Further, there is no suggestion in the *Davidson* reference to provide a first and second series of elongate spaced protruberances that each converge in the cross-machine direction.

Due to these considerations, *Davidson* fails to teach each and every element of Applicants' claimed invention. Further, *Davidson* fails to disclose or even suggest Applicants' web pleading apparatus comprising, *inter alia,* first and second series of elongate spaced protruberances each converging in the cross-machine direction and interleaving in the Z-direction.

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A prior art reference anticipates a claim only if the reference discloses, either expressly or inherently, every limitation of the claim. *See Roe v. Dror*, 112 F.3d 473, 42 U.S.P.Q.2d 1550 (Fed.Cir. 1997). Further, anticipation under 35 U.S.C. ¶102 requires the disclosure in a single piece of prior art of each and every limitation of a claimed invention. *See Apple Computer, Inc. v. Articulate Systems, Inc.,* 234 F.3d 14, 57 U.S.P.Q.2d 1057 (Fed.Cir. 2000) (citing *Electro Med. Sys. S.A. v. Cooper Life Sciences,* 34 F.3d 1048, 1052, 32 U.S.P.Q.2d 1017, 1019 (Fed.Cir. 1994). Further, there is no teaching or suggestion in the *Davidson* reference to make Applicants' claimed web pleading apparatus comprising, *inter alia,* first and second series of elongate spaced protruberances converging in the cross-machine direction and interleaving in the Z-direction. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection over *Davidson*.

Further, because Claims 2-13 and 26-27 all depend directly or indirectly from Applicants' independent Claim 1, they contain all of its limitations. For this reason, Applicants submit that the arguments made above concerning the allowability of Claim 1 are equally applicable to the rejection of Claims 2-13 and 26-27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Because Applicants' claimed invention is novel and unobvious over the references cited by the Examiner, favorable consideration is requested. Further, Applicants expressly request rejoinder of the claims withdrawn by the Examiner in previous Office Actions.

Conclusion

Based on all the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that each of Applicant's remaining claims is in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is requested.

This response is timely filed pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8 and M.P.E.P. §512. If any additional charges are due, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such charges from Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company.
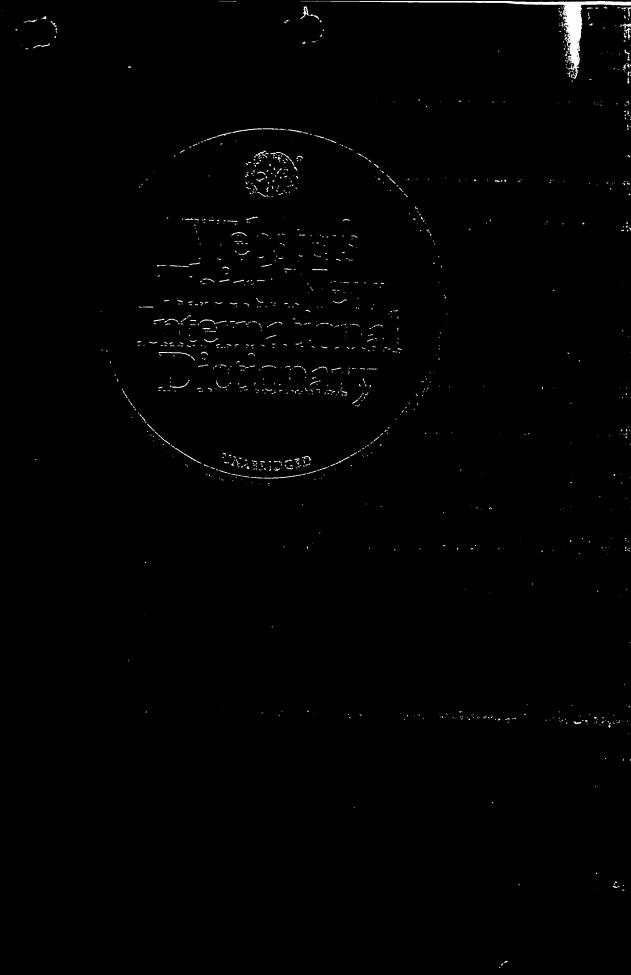
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UNABRIDGED

el·liot's pheasant \'el...\, -lyats-\ n, usu cap E [prob. after Daniel G. Elliot †1915 Am. zoologist] : a large brilliantly colored barred pheasant (*Syrmaticus ellioti*) native to south-eastern China where it is highly regarded as a game bird and extensively bred elsewhere as an ornamental

el·lipse \ə'lips, e'-,ē'-\ n -s [alter. of *ellipsis*] 1 : an elongated circle : a regular oval; *specif* : a closed plane curve generated by a point so moving that its distance from a fixed point divided by its distance from a fixed line is a positive constant less than 1 2 : ELLIPSIS

el·lip·sis \-'psəs\ n, pl ellip·ses \-p₁sēz\ [Gk *elleipsis*, lit., condition of falling short, defect, fr. *elleipein* to leave in, leave out, fall short (fr. *el-* — fr. *en* in — + *leipein* to leave) + *-sis* — more at IN, LOAN] 1 : ELLIPSE 2 [L, fr. Gk *elleipsis*] a (1) : omission of one or more words that are obviously understood but must be supplied to make a construction grammatically complete (as in "all had turned out as expected" for "all had turned out as had been expected") ⟨fine examples of Shakespearean compression and ~ —F.R.Leavis⟩ ⟨a writer . . . whose very syntax is warm with the ~ of spoken speech —Robert Phelps⟩ ⟨uses ~ for poetic and comic effects —*Times Lit. Supp.*⟩ (2) : an instance of such omission : a grammatical construction marked by ellipsis ⟨the poem's striking *ellipses* offer no impediment to the reader's ear⟩ ⟨a crisp spare style abounding in *ellipses*⟩ (3) : the practice or use of ellipsis ⟨a writer much given to ~⟩ b : omission of an element (as from a train of thought or a speech) either fortuitously or for artistic effect : a leap or sudden passage without logical connectives, from one topic to another ⟨a complicated rectial . . . fullpof grunts and *ellipses* —Hamilton Basso⟩ ⟨~ of both syntax and sense —Robert Browning⟩ 3 : marks or a mark (as . . . or * * * or ——) showing omission of letters, words, or other material — compare SUSPENSION PERIODS

el·lip·so·graph \-'psə₁graf, -áf\ n [*ellipse* + *-o-* + *-graph*] : an instrument used for drawing ellipses

el·lip·soid \-'psóid\ n -s [F *ellipsoïde*, fr. *ellipse* + *-oïde* -oid] : a surface all plane sections of which are ellipses or circles; *also* : the corresponding solid

el·lip·soi·dal \ə,lip'sóid'l, e'-, ē'-; e(,)lip-\ adj ·1 : resembling an ellipsoid 2 : having a shape like a round pillow — used esp. of lava

ellipsoidal spotlight n : a spotlight used in theatrical lighting that contains an ellipsoidal reflector and that is particularly designed for long throws and is more efficient than conventional spotlights, reflecting rays that others waste

ellipsoid of revolution *math* : a figure generated by the revolution of an ellipse about one of its axes : SPHEROID

el·lip·som·e·ter \ə,lip'säməd-ə(r), e,-, ē,-, ,e(,)-\ n [*ellipse* + *-o-* + *-meter*] : a polarimeter designed esp. for determining the ellipticity of polarized light

el·lip·tic \ə'liptik, (')e'l-, ē'l-, -tēk\ or el·lip·ti·cal \-'tikal, -tēk-\ adj [Gk *elleiptikos* defective, elliptic (grammatical sense), fr. (assumed) *elleiptos* (verbal of *elleipein* to leave out, fall short) + *-ikos* -ic, -ical — more at ELLIPSIS] 1 : of, relating to, or shaped like an ellipse ⟨an ~ mirror⟩ ⟨an ~ orbit⟩ — see LEAF illustration 2 a (1) : of, relating to, or marked by grammatical ellipsis ⟨the clause of comparison is often *elliptical* —O.O.Curme⟩ (2) : of or relating to a statement that is grammatically complete but lacks an element needed to assert a definite proposition ("the car moves now" is *elliptical* for "the car moves now relatively to the earth" —Arthur Pap⟩ (3) : of or relating to a mark showing omission (as of words) ⟨many authors use brief phrases, separated by three *elliptical* dots —L.E.Bowling⟩ b (1) : of, relating to, or marked by a manner of speech or writing characterized by extreme economy of expression or omission of superfluous elements : SUMMARY, BRIEF, CONCISE, CONDENSED ⟨the author in her *elliptical* four-page introduction —B.S.Myers⟩ ⟨concise, even *elliptical* to the verge of obscurity —H.O.Taylor⟩ ⟨listened to them talk, in tight, exclusive groups, with their own peculiar, *elliptical* language —Irwin Shaw⟩ (2) : of, relating to, or marked by a literary style that cultivates a studied obscurity for artistic effect : ENIGMATIC, CRYPTIC, OBLIQUE, OBSCURE ⟨the dialogue between them is stately, ~, and full of dark hints of the metaphysical —Wolcott Gibbs⟩

elliptical galaxy n : a galaxy of a generally elliptical shape, from round to lenticular, differing chiefly from other types in having no apparent internal structure or spiral arms — called also *spheroidal galaxy*

el·lip·ti·cal·ly \-'tik(ə)lē, -tēk-, -li\ adv 1 : in an elliptic manner : in the shape or manner of an ellipse ⟨moves ~ about its orbit⟩ 2 a : with omission of an element (as one needed to complete a train of thought or speech) : without transition or logical connectives : CRYPTICALLY, ENIGMATICALLY ⟨one might go ~ . . . from talk of toothache to talk of ships storm-tossed at sea —K.D.Burke⟩ b : with great economy of expression : CONCISELY ⟨this whole earlier empire-building clan . . . is described so eloquently and so ~ —M.D.Geismar⟩ c : in a passing or tangential way ⟨even in the pieces upon which he impinges most ~ —Richard Watts⟩

el·lip·ti·cal·ness \-kəlnəs\ n -ES : the quality or state of being elliptical

elliptical projection n : a map of the earth's surface upon the interior of an ellipse

elliptical stern n : an overhanging ship's stern in which the part above the knuckle line (as the bulwark) is of conical form with a rake aft

elliptic arch n : an arch whose intrados is or approximates an ellipse

elliptic compass n : ELLIPSOGRAPH

elliptic gear n : a change gear consisting of a pair of equal gear wheels which are elliptical in shape and each of which rotates around one of its foci

elliptic geometry n : geometry that adopts all of Euclid's axioms except the parallel axiom which is replaced by the axiom that through a point in a plane there pass no lines that do not intersect a given line in the plane

elliptic integral n : the integral as to x of a function rational in x and the square root of a polynomial of third or fourth degree in x

el·lip·tic·i·ty \ə,lip'tisəd-ē, e,-, ē,-, ,e(,)-\ n -ES 1 : deviation of an ellipse or a spheroid from the form of a circle or a sphere 2 : the difference between the equatorial and polar semi-diameters, divided by the equatorial or occas. by the polar — used esp. in ref. to the figure of the earth ⟨the ~ of the earth is approximately ¹/₂₉₆⟩

elliptic-lanceolate adj, bot : intermediate between elliptic and lanceolate

elliptic spring or elliptical spring n : a spring composed of laminated steel plates and having an elliptical shape

el·lip·to·cyte \ə'liptə₁sīt, e'-, ē'-\ n -s [ISV *elliptic* + *-o-* + *-cyte*] : an elliptical red blood cell : OVALOCYTE

el·lip·to·cy·to·sis \ə,·,·,sī-\...ʼ₁tōsəs\ n, pl *elliptocyto·ses* \-ō,sēz\ [NL, fr. ISV *elliptocyte* + NL *-osis*] : OVALOCYTOSIS

el·lo·bi·idae \,elə'bīə,dē\ n pl, cap [NL, fr. *Ellobium*, type genus + *-idae*] : a family of pulmonate snails that have a conoidal shell with a strongly toothed ear-shaped aperture and that are widely distributed in salt marshes chiefly along tropical and subtropical shores

el·lo·bi·um \e'lōbēəm, e'-\ n, cap [NL, fr. Gk *ellobion* that which is in the lobe of the ear, earring, fr. *el-* (fr. *en* in) +

lobos lobe + *-ion* (dim. suffix) — more at IN, LOBE] : the type genus of Ellobiidae

el·lops \'e,läps\ n, pl ellops or ellopses [Gk *ellops, elops*, a fish — more at ELOPS] : ELOPS

ells pl of ELL

ellul usu cap, var of ELUL

ell-wand \'elwan(d)\ n [ME *elenwand, elle wande, el wande*, fr. *eln, ellen, elle* ell + *wand* — more at ELL] *Scot* : a measuring rod one ell long

elm \'elm, 'eüm, dial or substand 'eləm\ n -s often attrib [ME, fr. OE; akin to OHG *elme, elm* elm, ON *almr*, L *ulmus*, MIr *lem* elm, and perh. to L *alnus* alder — more at ALDER] 1 a : a tree of the genus *Ulmus* — see ROCK ELM, SIBERIAN ELM, SLIPPERY ELM — see TREE illustration b : the hard tough wood of this tree used extensively for implements, furniture, and barrel hoops 2 : any of various chiefly Australian and West Indian trees or shrubs having foliage resembling that of members of the genus *Ulmus*

el·man·su·ra \,el,man'sùrə\ adj, usu cap E&M [fr. *El Mansura*, Egypt] : of or from the city of El Mansura, Egypt : of the kind or style prevalent in El Mansura

elm bark n : SLIPPERY ELM 1c

elm bark beetle n : either of two beetles that are vectors of the fungus which causes Dutch elm disease: a : a native beetle (*Hylurgopinus rufipes*) of eastern No. America b : a smaller European beetle (*Scolytus multistriatus*) that has become established in the same part of the New World

elm blight n : DUTCH ELM DISEASE

elm borer n : any of several beetles having larvae that bore into the elm; *esp* : a rather large hairy longicorn beetle (*Saperda tridentata*) of the eastern U.S.

elm calligrapha n : a coppery green and yellow calligrapha (*Calligrapha scalaris*) that often feeds on the foliage of elm

elm·en \'elmən\ adj [ME *elmyn*, fr. *elm* + *-yn*] *dial Eng* : relating to or made of wood from an elm tree

el·men·dorf test \'elmən,dórf-\ n, usu cap E [after Armin Elmendorf b1890 Am. mechanical engineer, its inventor] : a standard test for the tearing strength of paper

el·men·tei·tan \'elmən-'tāi'n\ adj, usu cap [*Elmenteita* Lake, Kenya + E *-an*] : of or relating to an early Neolithic or Mesolithic culture of eastern Africa characterized by obsidian microliths

elm family n : ULMACEAE

elm green n : a moderate olive green that is slightly lighter than forest green (sense 2), yellower, lighter, and stronger than cypress, and greener and stronger than Lincoln green

el·min·i·us \el'minēəs\ n, cap [NL] : a genus of acorn barnacles native to the southern hemisphere but including one form (*E. modestus*) that has recently become established on the English coast where it is a pest of oyster beds

el·mi·ra system \el'mīrə-\ n, usu cap E [fr. *Elmira, N.Y.*, where the system was adopted in a reformatory in 1876] : a system of penology based on the indeterminate sentence with possible commutation

elm leaf beetle n : a small orange-yellow black-striped Old World chrysomelid beetle (*Pyrrhalta luteola*) that is long established in eastern No. America and is both as adult and larva a leaf-eating pest on elm

elm sawfly n : a large American sawfly (*Cimbex americana*) that has knobbed antennae, orange-tinged tarsi, black head and thorax with somewhat lighter, spotted abdomen, and smoke brown wings, and produces yellowish or greenish white larvae with a dorsal black stripe which are vigorous defoliators chiefly of elm and willow

elm scale or elm scurfy scale n : any of several scales that feed on elm trees; *esp* : a widely distributed scale (*Chionaspis americana*) of eastern No. America that feeds on elm and hackberry and has the female covered by a dull white scale often darkened anteriorly by secretion

elm tea n : an infusion prepared from slippery-elm bark that is used as a demulcent

elm water n 1 : a decoction of slippery-elm bark 2 : a watery exudation from the galls of the English elm

elmy \'elmē, 'eümē\ adj, sometimes *-er/-est* : characterized by or abounding in elms

elocular \(')ē+\ adj [*e-* + *locular*] : having but one cavity : not divided by a septum : lacking loculi

el·o·cute \'elə,kyüt\ vb -ED/-ING/-S [back-formation fr. *elocution*] : DECLAIM ⟨the senator ranted and *elocuted* but made little impression on the crowd⟩ ⟨a frail drama superbly acted, and excellently *elocuted* —N.Y. Times⟩

el·o·cu·tion \,elə'kyüshən\ n -s [ME *elcuncioun*, fr. L *elocution-, elocutio*, fr. *elocutus* (past part. of *eloqui* to speak out, orate) + *-ion-, -io -ion* — more at ELOQUENT] 1 *archaic* a : literary style or expression b : impressive writing or style : ELOQUENCE ⟨to express these thoughts with ~ —John Dryden⟩ 2 a : oratorical, dramatic, or expressive oral delivery ⟨an expert user of ~⟩ b : style or manner of speaking ⟨clear concise ~⟩; *sometimes* : an affected or overembellished style or manner of speaking 3 : the art of oratorical or expressive public speaking

el·o·cu·tion·ary \-shə,nerē, -ri\ adj : of, relating to, or exhibiting elocution ⟨~ recitals⟩ ⟨an ~ Oxonian delivery —E.R.Bentley⟩

el·o·cu·tion·ist \-sh(ə)nəst\ n -s : a person adept in elocution: as a : a teacher of elocution b : a professional reciter or reader

el·o·dea \el'lōdēə, ,elə'dēə\ n [NL, irreg. fr. Gk *helōdēs* marshy — more at HELODES] 1 *cap* : a small genus of submerged aquatic herbs (family Hydrocharitaceae) that are native to No. and So. America and that have leafy stems and small dioecious or polygamous flowers arising from a 2-cleft spathe — see WATERWEED 2 *-s* : any plant of the genus Elodea

eloge \ā'lōzh, älōözh\, n, pl *eloges* \-ō₁zhsz,-öozh\ [MF, fr. MF *elogium* (influenced in meaning by ML *eulogium* eulogy), fr. L, maxim, saying, inscription on a tombstone, prob. by folk etymology (influence of L *e-* and Gk *logos* word) fr. Gk *elegeion* elegy — more at EULOGY, LOGIC, ELEGY] 1 *archaic* : ENCOMIUM, EULOGY 2 : a panegyrical funeral oration

el·o·gy \'elōjē, -lajē\ also elo·gium \e'lōj(ē)əm, ē'-,e'-\ n, pl *elogies* also *elogiums* [in sense 1, fr. L *elogium*; in sense 2 & 3, fr. ML *elogium*] 1 *obs* : an inscription esp. on a tombstone 2 *archaic* : a characterization or biographical sketch esp. in praise 3 *obs* : a funeral oration

el·o·him \,elō'hēm, -lō'-, -'him; e'lō,him, ə'-\ n [Heb *ĕlōhīm*, pl. of *ĕlōah* god] 1 *cap* : God esp. as conceived of in the Old Testament or in those Old Testament passages where he is designated in the Hebrew text by the word *ĕlōhīm* 2 elohim pl, usu cap : local or minor divinities of the ancient Canaanites and Hebrews

el·o·him·ic \,elō'himik\ adj, cap : ELOHISTIC 2

elo·hism \'elō,hizəm, -lo,-; e'lō,-, ə'-\ n -s cap : the religion and worship of Elohim — compare YAHWISM

'elo·hist \,-\,(h)əst\ n -s usu cap [elohim + *-ist*] 1 : an author of an Elohistic document 2 *archaic* : a priestly writer

²elohist \'-\, (h)əst\ n -s usu cap : ELOHIST

el·o·his·tic \,elō'histik\ adj, usu cap 1 : of, relating to, or characteristic of one of the supposed ancient biblical sources (Elohistic document) 2 : characterized by use in Hebrew of the word *ĕlōhīm* rather than *yahweh* as a designation of God (Psalms 42–83, the Elohistic Psalter) 3 : of, or characteristic of, or characterized by worship of God as Elohim rather than as Yahweh

eloign \i'lóin, ē'-\ vt -ED/-ING/-S [ME *eloynen, esloignen*, fr. MF *esloigner*, fr. OF *esloignier*, fr. *es-* (fr. L *ex-*) + *loing* far, fr. L *longe* long, far, adv, fr. *longus* long — more at LONG] 1 *archaic* : to take (oneself) far away 2 *archaic* a : to convey to a distance or beyond a legal jurisdiction b : CONCEAL ⟨~ goods liable to distress⟩

Elon \'e,län, ·,·\ *trademark* — used for a white soluble powder used as a photographic developer

'elon·gate \e'lŏn,gāt, ə'- also -läŋ- sometimes 'ē,·,·; usu -äd-+V\ vb -ED/-ING/-S [LL *elongatus*, past part. of *elongare*, fr. L *e-* + *longus* long] vt : to increase the length of : stretch out : LENGTHEN ⟨he *elongated* his face as he heard their story⟩ ⟨the British *elongating* their defense program —*Economist*⟩ ~ vi : to grow in length : LENGTHEN — used esp. of plants and their parts (rapidly *elongating* internodes) *syn* see EXTEND

²elongate \"\ adj [LL *elongatus*, past part.] : stretched out

: LENGTHENED; *esp* : having a form notably long in com:ton to its width ⟨an ~ tail that tapers to a point —R.E.Cu...⟩

³elongate \"\, vi -ED/-ING/-S [LL *elongatus*, past part. of *elongare*, fr. L *e-* + *longe* far — more at ELOIGN] 1 *archaic* : to go away : DEPART, RECEDE 2 *archaic*, of a celestial body : to appear to recede from its primary or from a particular point in the sky — compare ELONGATION

elongated adj : ELONGATE

elongate nut shell n : BEAKED COCKLE

'elon·ga·tion \(,)ē,lóŋ'gāshən, ə,- also -läŋ-\ n -s [ME *elongacioun*, fr. ML *elongation-, elongatio*, fr. L *elongatus* (past part. of *elongare* to withdraw) + L *-ion-, -io -ion*] 1 a : the angular distance of a celestial body from another around which it revolves or from a particular point in the sky ⟨the ~ of a planet from the sun⟩ ⟨the ~ of an eclipsing variable⟩ = see GREATEST ELONGATION b : the daily extreme east or west position of a star with reference to the north celestial pole ⟨the ~s of the North Star⟩ 2 *obs* : removal to a distance : REMOTENESS

²elongation \"\ n -s [¹*elongate* + *-ion*] 1 a : a lengthening or state of being lengthened : PROTRACTION, EXTENSION ⟨the ~ of a muscle under tension⟩ ⟨~ of the apex of a plant⟩ b : the total deformation in the direction of load or per unit of length caused by a tensile force; *sometimes* : the maximum permanent stretch per unit of original length induced in a body by a force that causes it to break 2 : something that is elongated : PROLONGATION, CONTINUATION ⟨the arm may be considered a specialized ~ of the earlier fin⟩

elongato- *comb form* [*elongate* + *-o-*] : elongated and (*elongato-ovate*)

elope \ə'lōp, ē'-\ vi -ED/-ING/-S [AF *aloper*, perh. fr. *a-* (fr. OF *es-*, fr. L *ex-*) + MD *lōpen* to run; akin to OE *hlēapan* to leap, jump, run — more at LEAP] 1 a *of a married woman* : to run away from one's husband with a lover b *of an unmarried woman* : to run away from one's home with the unannounced intention of getting married ⟨she *eloped* with her second cousin and they were married in the next state⟩ c *of two persons of opposite sex* : to go away secretly with the intention of marrying or establishing a more or less permanent relation of cohabitation ⟨her mother wanted a big wedding but the young people decided to ~⟩ 2 : to run or slip away ⟨as from a mental institution or training school⟩ : ESCAPE, FLEE ⟨he *eloped* from his creditors⟩ — elope·ment \-pmənt\ n -s

elop·er \ə·p(r)\ n -s : one that elopes

elops \'e,läps, 'ē,-\ n [L, fr. Gk *ellops, elops*, a fish; perh. akin to Gk *lepis* scale — more at LEPID-] 1 pl elops or elopses *obs* : a marine animal sometimes identified as the sturgeon; *also* : SEA SERPENT 2 cap [NL, fr. L] : a genus (the type of the family Elopidae) of fishes of the order Isospondyli that are related to the tarpons and contain the ten-pounder (*E. saurus*)

el·o·quence \'eləkwən(t)s *sometimes* -lēk- or -lik-\ n -s [ME, fr. MF, fr. L *eloquentia*, fr. *eloquent-, eloquens* + *-ia -y*] 1 a : discourse marked by force and persuasiveness suggesting strong feeling or deep sincerity; *esp* : discourse marked by apt and fluent diction and imaginative fervor ⟨the poetry of western nations is ~ in meter —George Santayana⟩ b : the art or power of using such discourse ⟨Plato's ~ and moral fervor —G.R.Morrow⟩ 2 : forceful or persuasive usu. oral expressiveness ⟨he convinces himself by the sheer ~ of his own voice —H.J.Laski⟩ ⟨the ~ of the photographs —*Times Lit. Supp.*⟩ 3 *archaic* : RHETORIC

el·o·quent \-nt\ adj [ME, fr. MF, fr. L *eloquent-, eloquens*, fr. pres. part. of *eloqui* to speak out, fr. *e-* + *loqui* to speak] 1 : adept at skilled easy pleasing communication of a thought, idea, or feeling usu. in a fluent, moving, vivid, or forceful manner (but he was no Emerson, of the grave ~ voice, ...e noble presence —H.S.Canby⟩ 2 : clearly and forcefully indicative of some feeling, condition, or character ⟨that paternal pressure on his hand was ~ to him how warmly he was beloved —George Meredith⟩ ⟨a tremulous little man in greenish black broadcloth, ~ of continued depression in some village retail trade —A.T.Quiller-Couch⟩ *syn* see EXPRESSIVE, VOCAL

el·o·quent·ly adv [ME, fr. *eloquent* + *-ly*] : with eloquence : in an eloquent manner

el·o·quent·ness n -ES : the quality or state of being eloquent

el·o·the·ri·um \,elə'thirēəm\ [NL, irreg. fr. Gk *helos* marsh + NL *-therium* — more at HELODES] *syn of* ENTELODON

elo·ti·llo \,elō'tē(,)(y)ō\ n -s [MexSp, dim. of *elote* ear of green corn, fr. Nahuatl *elotl*] : SQUAWROOT 1

el paso \el'pa(,)sō\ adj, usu cap E&P [fr. *El Paso*, Texas] : of or from the city of El Paso, Texas : of the kind or style prevalent in El Paso

el paso·an \el'pasəwən\ n -s cap E&P [*El Paso*, Texas + E *-an*] : a native or resident of El Paso, Texas

el·paso·lite \el'pasō,līt\, n -s [*El Paso* co., Colo. + E *-lite*] : a mineral K₂NaAlF₆ consisting of sodium potassium aluminum fluoride

el·pi·dite \'elpə,dīt\ n -s [Sw *elpidit*, fr. Gk *elpid-, elpis* hope + Sw *-it -ite*; fr. the expectation of finding other minerals in the same locality — more at VOLUPTUOUS] : a mineral Na₂ZrSi₆O₁₅.3H₂O consisting of a hydrated sodium zirconium silicate

elritch *var of* ELDRITCH

els pl of EL

-els pl of *-EL*

el sal·va·dor \el'salvə,dó(ə)r, (,)·,·,·'·\ adj, usu cap E&S [fr. *El Salvador*, republic of Central America] : of or from the Republic of El Salvador : of the kind or style prevalent in El Salvador : SALVADORAN

'else \'els, -lts\ adv [ME *elles*, fr. OE; akin to OHG *elles* otherwise, ON *elligai* otherwise, Goth *aljis* other, L *alius* other, *alter* other of two, Gk *allos* other, Arm *ail* other, OE *eall* all — more at ALL] 1 a : in a different manner ⟨how ~ could he act under the circumstances⟩ : in a different place ⟨here and nowhere ~⟩ : at a different time ⟨Friday isn't convenient for me so when ~ can we meet⟩ b : in an additional manner ⟨how ~ can buildings be heated⟩ : in an additional place ⟨where ~ is gold found⟩ : at an additional time ⟨Friday is convenient for one of the two weekly lessons but when ~ can we get together⟩ 2 a : if the facts are different : if the facts were different : if not : OTHERWISE — often preceded by *or* ⟨do what I tell you, or ~ you will be sorry⟩ and used absolutely without a following clause to express a threat of unspecified but presumably dire consequences ⟨do what I tell you or ~⟩ b : whether it is not so ⟨house, land, money are things obtainable . . . by clever headwork: ask my father ~ —Robert Browning⟩ c : apart from that : with the exception of that ⟨a tower of refuge built for the ~ forlorn —William Wordsworth⟩

²else \"\ adj [ME *elles*, fr. *elles*, adv.] : OTHER: a : being different in identity ⟨nothing ~ but the best will do⟩ ⟨such decisions are to be made by the commanding officer and no one ~⟩ b : being in addition ⟨what ~ did he say⟩ ⟨did you meet anyone ~⟩ — now usu. used with a preceding pronoun; followed by the possessive ending *'s* when the combination of the pronoun and *else* is in the possessive case dependent on an immediately following noun ⟨somebody ~'s house⟩ ⟨I don't know who ~'s hat it could be⟩ and usu. also when not dependent on an immediately following noun ⟨it couldn't be anybody ~'s⟩ ⟨I don't know who ~'s it could be⟩ ⟨I don't know whose ~ it could be⟩

else·ways \'·,·\ adv [*else* + *-ways*] *dial* : OTHERWISE

else·whence \'·,·, -'·\ adv [¹*else* + *whence*] : from another quarter

else·where \'el(t)s,(h)we(ə)r, -wa(a)l, |ə, -'·\ also else·wheres \|(ə)rz, |ez\ adv [*elleswher*, fr. OE *elles hwǣr*, fr. *elles* else + *hwǣr* where — more at ELSE, WHERE] : in or to some or any other place ⟨it is found in town and ~⟩ ⟨we went ~ for lunch⟩ ⟨he mentions his dependence on his mother⟩ ⟨~ forlorn⟩

else·whither \'·,·, -'·\, adv [ME *elleswhider*, fr. OE *elles hwider*, fr. *elles* else + *hwider* whither — more at WHITHER] : to some or any other place in a different direction or toward a different objective ⟨his soul aimed ~⟩

else·wise \'·,·\, adv [¹*else* + *-wise*] : OTHERWISE

el·sholt·zia \el'shóltsēə\ n, cap [NL, fr. Johann S. *Elsholtz* †1688 Ger. physician and botanist + NL *-ia*] : a genus of chiefly Asiatic aromatic herbs (family Labiatae) with blue or purple flowers in one-sided spikes

el·sin or el·shin or el·son \'els(h)ən\ n -s [ME *elsen*, prob.